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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6782 NOTE PREPARED: Feb 19, 2004
BILL NUMBER: HB 1304 BILL AMENDED: Jan 29, 2004

SUBJECT: 911 fees.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Stevenson

BILL STATUS: CR Adopted - 2nd House

FIRST SPONSOR: Sen. Riegsecker

FUNDS AFFECTED: GENERAL IMPACT: Local

DEDICATED FEDERAL

<u>Summary of Legislation:</u> This bill requires a county with a municipal public safety answering point (PSAP) to submit annually expenditure reports to the municipality. It assigns the contents of HB 1304 as introduced to the Regulatory Flexibility Committee for study during the 2004 interim.

Effective Date: Upon passage.

Explanation of State Expenditures: The Regulatory Flexibility Committee would be required to issue a report and recommendations concerning the topic of 911 fees.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues: Counties that contain a municipality that operates a PSAP would be required to submit a report by January 31 annually on the expenditures of emergency telephone system fees. Counties might incur some additional expense in generating the required report. The additional expense would probably be minor.

Background: The purpose of enhanced emergency telephone system is to enable emergency service providers to quickly reach the location of a wireless 911 call with the least amount of confusion and delay. The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) determined this issue to be important and mandated standards and set phased deadlines for system upgrades in 1996.

The Indiana Wireless E911 Advisory Board is working to improve emergency service for wireless callers

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throughout Indiana. The Board administers the Indiana Wireless Emergency Telephone System Fund, which is used to reimburse county 911 authorities and wireless carriers for E911 system enhancements. A county or municipality, if the county choices not to adopt an ordinance, may adopt an ordinance to impose a monthly enhanced emergency telephone system fee for each exchange access facility used in the county. The fee for a county that contains a consolidated city or at least one second class city can not exceed of 3% of the average monthly telephone access line charge in the unit, and 10% for other counties.

State Agencies Affected:

Local Agencies Affected: Counties and Muncipalities.

Information Sources:

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